

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-13. (Cancelled)

1 14. (Currently Amended) A device control device that has process-item data  
2 storing means which stores a plurality of process items for executing processes corresponding to  
3 recognized information obtained by recognizing input information, and  
4 defines transition from one process item in the plurality of process items to  
5 another process item by transition definition data which associates a discrimination condition  
6 with a weighting factor, wherein

7 said recognized information includes a likelihood indicating a status of matching  
8 between input information input by a speech and said discrimination condition included in said  
9 transition definition data, and

10 said device changes said weighting factor in accordance with a link to said input  
11 information and generates a flowchart of process items by adding or deleting said transition  
12 definition data based on thus defined when a product of said weighting factor thus changed and  
13 said likelihood do not reach a predetermined value and adding new transition definition data  
14 indicating said transition when the number of transitions from one undefined process to another  
15 undefined process item reaches a predetermined number.

1 15. (Previously presented) The device control device according to claim 14,  
2 wherein said process-item data storing means is constituted in such a manner that a process item  
3 can be added adequately.

16-17. (Cancelled)

1                   18. (Previously presented) The device control device according to claim 14 ,  
2 wherein said input information is a speech signal,  
3                   the condition of said transition definition data is a target word subject to speech  
4 recognition,  
5                   said recognized information includes a likelihood indicating a status of matching  
6 between the speech signal and the target word of said transition definition data,  
7                   said likelihood corresponding to the target word of said transition definition data  
8 is set in said transition definition data, and  
9                   a piece of said transition definition data is selected in accordance with said  
10 likelihood, and a state is transitioned to a process item represented by said selected piece of  
11 transition definition data.

19. (Canceled)

1                   20. (Previously presented) The device control device according to claim 14 ,  
2 wherein a transition constant which is a calculation standard for said weighting factor is set as a  
3 constant corresponding to said transition definition data, and  
4                   a weighting factor of transition definition data relating to another process item  
5 linked to one process item whose status is transitioned is calculated by accumulating said  
6 constants from the constant for transition definition data relating to one process item to the  
7 constant for transition definition data relating to the another process item.

21-23. (Canceled)

1                   24. (Currently amended) A speech recognition device that has process-item  
2 data storing means which stores a plurality of process items for executing processes  
3 corresponding to recognized information obtained by recognizing input information,

4           defines transition from one process item in the plurality of process items to  
5   another process item by transition definition data which associates a discrimination condition  
6   with a weighting factor, wherein  
7            said recognized information includes a likelihood indicating a status of matching  
8   between input information input by a speech and said discrimination condition included in said  
9   transition definition data, and  
10           said device changes said weighting factor in accordance with a link to said input  
11  information and generates a flowchart of process items by adding or deleting said transition  
12  definition data based-on thus defined when a product of said weighting factor thus changed and  
13  said likelihood do not reach a predetermined value and adding new transition definition data  
14  indicating said transition when the number of transitions from one undefined process item to  
15  another undefined process item reaches a predetermined number.

25-27. (Canceled)

1           28. (Currently amended) An agent device that has process-item data storing  
2  means which stores a plurality of process items for executing processes corresponding to  
3  recognized information obtained by recognizing input information,  
4           defines transition from one process item in the plurality of process items to  
5  another process item by transition definition data which associates a discrimination condition  
6  with a weighting factor, wherein  
7            said recognized information includes a likelihood indicating a status of matching  
8  between input information input by a speech and said discrimination condition included in said  
9  transition definition data, and  
10           said device changes said weighting factor in accordance with a link to said input  
11  information and generates a flowchart of process items by adding or deleting said transition  
12  definition data based-on thus defined when a product of said weighting factor thus changed and  
13  said likelihood do not reach a predetermined value and adding new transition definition data  
14  indicating said transition when the number of transitions from one undefined process item to  
15  another undefined process item reaches a predetermined number.

29-32. (Canceled)

1                   33. (Currently amended) A device control method comprising:  
2                   a process-item data storing step of storing a plurality of process items for  
3                   executing processes corresponding to recognized information obtained by recognizing input  
4                   information input by a speech, said recognized information including a likelihood indicating a  
5                   status of matching between said input information and a discrimination condition included in  
6                   transition definition data;

7                   a step of defining transition from one process item in a plurality of process items  
8                   to another process item by transition definition data which associates a discrimination condition  
9                   with a weighting factor; and

10                   a step of changing said weighting factor in accordance with a link to said input  
11                   information and generating a flowchart of process items by adding or deleting said transition  
12                   definition data based on a product of said weighting factor thus changed and said likelihood.

13                   a step of changing said weighting factor with a link to said input information and  
14                   generating a flowchart of process items by deleting said transition definition data thus defined  
15                   when a product of said weighting factor thus changed and said likelihood do not reach a  
16                   predetermined value and adding new transition definition data indicating said transition when the  
17                   number of transitions from one undefined process item to another undefined process item  
18                   reaches a predetermined number.